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For: AGENT FOR SKIN EXTERNAL USE CONTAINING SALT OF ASCORBIC ACID  
DERIVATIVE, METHOD FOR STABILIZING THE AGENT FOR SKIN EXTERNAL  
USE, AND STABILIZER

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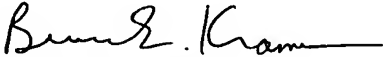
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